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<b>B. FIELDS SEARCHED</b>		
Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)		
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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used) WPAT. Keywords: biometric, asset, firearm, pharmaceutical, metal, legal document, capture, message and similar terms		
<b>C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT</b>		
Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	WO 02/32308 A1 (KENT REDGE DIGITAL LABS) 25 April 2002 See, especially: figure 2; page 4, line 7 – page 12, line 19	1-24
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Y	WO 02/35480 A1 (CATALINA MARKETING INTERNATIONAL INC.) 2 May 2002 See, especially: abstract; claims; figures (When combined with the first citation)	1-23
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Y	Derwent Abstract Accession No. 02-212675, Class T01 JP 2002042214 A (NIPPON TMI KK) 8 February 2002 (When combined with the first citation)	1-23
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WO	0232308						
WO	0235480	AU	36446/01	BE	1014062	CA	2426838
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EP	0991027	JP	2000187777	US	6522772		
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